

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users  
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to appropriate water in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/>.

**OBJECTION DEADLINE: AUGUST 7, 2015.** THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 655 TIMBERWOLF PARKWAY, SUITE 4, KALISPELL, MT 59901-2387, PHONE: 406-752-2288, FAX: 406-752-2843.

IF ISSUED, THE RIGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR EXISTING WATER RIGHTS.

**Application Number:** 76LJ 30071153

**Owners:** BIGFORK COUNTY WATER & SEWER DIST  
PO BOX 1108  
BIGFORK, MT 59911 1108

**Priority Date:** NOVEMBER 21, 2014 at 12:40 P.M.

**Purpose (use):** IRRIGATION

**Maximum Flow Rate:** 2.23 CFS

**Maximum Volume:** 607.90 AC-FT

**Maximum Acres:** 247.75

**Source Name:** GROUNDWATER

**Source Type:** GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>	
1		SE	SENE	18	27N	20W	FLATHEAD
<b>Period of Diversion:</b> APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15						Flow Rate:	1.11 CFS
<b>Diversion Means:</b> WELL							
<b>Well Depth:</b> 717.00 FEET							
<b>Static Water Level:</b> 10.00 FEET							
<b>Casing Diameter:</b> 8.00 INCHES							
2		SE	SENE	18	27N	20W	FLATHEAD
<b>Period of Diversion:</b> APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15						Flow Rate:	1.11 CFS
<b>Diversion Means:</b> WELL							
<b>Well Depth:</b> 672.00 FEET							
<b>Static Water Level:</b> 10.00 FEET							
<b>Casing Diameter:</b> 8.00 INCHES							
<b>Purpose (Use):</b> IRRIGATION							
<b>Irrigation Type:</b> SPRINKLER							
<b>Climatic Area:</b> 3 - MODERATE							
<b>Volume:</b> 607.90 AC-FT							
<b>Period of Use:</b> APRIL 15 to OCTOBER 15							
<b>Place of Use:</b>							
<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	247.75		E2	18	27N	20W	FLATHEAD
<b>Total:</b>	247.75						

Remarks:

CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN LAW

THIS PROVISIONAL WATER USE PERMIT HAS A PRIORITY DATE THAT IS JUNIOR TO THE RIGHTS OF SENIOR WATER RIGHT HOLDERS IN THE CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MONTANA LAW, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO A CALL BY SENIOR WATER RIGHT HOLDERS, IN WHICH CASE YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO DISCONTINUE YOUR USE OF WATER FOR THE PERIOD OF THE CALL.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES - RESERVED WATER RIGHTS

THIS RIGHT IS SUBJECT TO ALL PRIOR INDIAN RESERVED WATER RIGHTS OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES IN THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY. IT IS THE TRIBE'S POSITION THAT THE EXERCISE OF JUNIOR WATER RIGHTS EITHER WITHIN OR OUTSIDE OF THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION MAY AFFECT THE RESERVED WATER RIGHTS OF THE TRIBE WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE RESERVATION. IT IS THE TRIBE'S POSITION THAT ECONOMIC INVESTMENTS MADE IN RELIANCE UPON THIS RIGHT DO NOT CREATE IN THE APPROPRIATOR ANY EQUITY OR VESTED RIGHT AGAINST THE TRIBES. THE APPROPRIATOR IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY FINANCIAL OUTLAY OR WORK INVESTED IN A PROJECT PURSUANT TO THIS RIGHT IS AT APPROPRIATOR'S RISK. THE ISSUANCE OF THIS RIGHT DOES NOT REDUCE THE APPROPRIATOR'S LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT. IT DOES NOT MAKE THE DEPARTMENT LIABLE FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT. NOR IS THE DEPARTMENT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS TO THE APPROPRIATOR CAUSED BY THE EXERCISE OF SENIOR RESERVED WATER RIGHTS.

**WATER MEASUREMENT-INLINE FLOW METER REQUIRED**

THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL INSTALL A DEPARTMENT APPROVED IN-LINE FLOW METER AT A POINT IN THE DELIVERY LINE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WATER MUST NOT BE DIVERTED UNTIL THE REQUIRED MEASURING DEVICE IS IN PLACE AND OPERATING. ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL KEEP A WRITTEN MONTHLY RECORD OF THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME OF ALL WATER DIVERTED, INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF TIME. RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR AND UPON REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF A PERMIT OR CHANGE. THE RECORDS MUST BE SENT TO THE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL MAINTAIN THE MEASURING DEVICE SO IT ALWAYS OPERATES PROPERLY AND MEASURES FLOW RATE AND VOLUME ACCURATELY.

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